

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-19, 21-24, 26, and 28-35 are pending, with Claims 18, 24, 26, and 28-32 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 17 and 34 are amended without introducing any new matter.¹

The Office Action rejected Claims 17, 19, 21-23, and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Legrand (International Publication No. WO 01/98613) in view of Ichinohe (U.S. Patent No. 4,663,901) and Ash (U.S. Patent No. 6,123,535).

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Bell in conducting a personal interview with Applicants' representative on April 27, 2010. During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed the differences between Legrand and the present invention. In particular, Applicants' representative noted the at least three predetermined contact points are the same for different panes of glass, as can be seen with the predetermined points P1, P2 and P3 on both of the glass windows 2 and 20 illustrated in Figure 2 of the present application. Applicants' representative discussed the amendments submitted herewith that recite this feature. Examiner Bell indicated this amendment would appear to overcome the rejection based on Legrand, but that further search and consideration would be required.

¹ Support for amended Claims 17 and 34 can be found at least at page 13, lines 6-28, with reference to Figure 2, for example.

As discussed during the personal interview, each of Claims 17 and 34 are amended to recite methods for fabrication of a plurality of vehicle drop glasses, and that the at least three predetermined contact points are the same for each of the plurality of vehicle drop glasses.

Turning to the applied references, as discussed during the personal interview, Legrand fails to disclose or suggest at least three predetermined contact points that are the same for each of a plurality of vehicle drop glasses. Instead, as described at page 5, lines 21-33 on Legrand, Legrand merely describes adjustable stops that are adjusted for each glazing in order to conform the glazing to dimensions specified by a manufacturer. In this configuration, a different adjustment is made for each glazing. Such a method does not correspond to utilizing the same predetermined contact points for each of a plurality of vehicle drop glasses, as recited in each of independent Claims 17 and 34.

Neither of Ichinohe nor Ash cure the deficiencies discussed above in Legrand. In particular, Ichinohe is cited for features unrelated to the predetermined points recited in the independent claims. Figure 4 of Ash illustrates vacuum heads 27 that are used to hold individual sheets. As can be readily understood, the vacuum heads 27 will contact each sheet at a different location depending upon the unique curvature of each sheet. Accordingly, the vacuum heads 27 of Ash do not correspond to the at least three predetermined contact points recited in the independent claims of the present application.

Accordingly, even the combined teachings of Legrand, Ichinohe, and Ash fail to disclose or suggest all the features recited in amended Claim 17 or amended Claim 34. Accordingly, Claims 17 and 34, and the claims depending therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance.

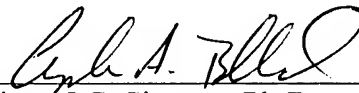
With respect to withdrawn Claims 18 and 24, it is respectfully requested that these claims be rejoined and allowed in accordance with MPEP § 821.04, as Claims 18 and 24 include the subject matter recited in Claim 17, which is believed to be allowable.

For the reasons discussed above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 17-19, 21-24, 26, and 28-35 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary in order to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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